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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 3492

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO GOES AND GOH

REFS: (A) SAN SALVADOR 3404

(B) DATT MESSAGE IR310400Z

1. FOLLOWING IS COUNTRY TEAM SUBMISSION.
  2. REF (B) TRANSMITTED A FOLLOW-UP REQUEST BY THE GOES TO DATT FOR THE IMMEDIATE US SUPPLY OF RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, FIRST CONVEYED BY REF (B), AND REPLIED TO DIA REQUEST FOR DATT COMMENTS ON POLITICAL IMPACT OF US FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO GOES REQUEST. THE MESSAGE ALSO CONTAINED DESCRIPTION TO THE EXACT TYPE OF RADIO AND NUMBER NEED (3 KWM 2A'S, INSTEAD OF 2 IN REFTEL). THE GOES OFFICIAL WHO TRANSMITTED THIS LATEST REQUEST (CHIEF OF STAFF ROJAS) STRESSED THE URGENCY OF THE SITUATION, AND PLEADED FOR EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERY, BY AUGUST 1 IF POSSIBLE.
  3. TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ALL ASPECTS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES BEHIND THE REQUEST - ESPECIALLY THE EVER PRESENT DANGER THAT BORDER CLASHES MIGHT RESUME, AND THE AGREEMENT BY BOTH SIDES THAT IMPROVED
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COMMUNICATIONS ARE INDISPENSABLE AND TO ASK THE USG FOR HELP - THE

EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE US RESPOND FAVORABLY, AND QUICKLY, TO THE GOES REQUESTGS (WE HAVE CHECKED ON FIVE KWM-2A'S (FRC-93) PRESENTLY IN COUNTRY AND FIND THEY ARE FULLY MISSION-UTILIZED AND COULD NOT BE DIVERTED.)

4. USCINCSO HAS RECOMMENDED THAT US MILITARY TECHNICIANS ACCOMPANY THE EQUIPMENT TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE NET. FROM THE EMBASSY VANTAGE POINT, THE INTRODUCTION OF SUCH A SMALL TEAM WOULD PRESENT FEW PROBLEMS HERE, PROVIDED THE NATURE OF THE MISSION AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS IN COUNTRY AT THE BEHEST OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS, WAS GIVEN FULL PUBLICITY. THE EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT THE PRESENCE OF US MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE BORDER AREA COULD CREATE POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND/OR OTHER OAS CAPITALS. IF SUCH IS THE CASE, THE EMBASSY HOPES WE CAN STILL RESPOND FAVORABLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY TO THE EQUIPMENT REQUEST, AND TAKE UP THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL LATER, IF SUCH APPEARS NECESSARY.

THE GOES HAS TOLD THE DATT THAT THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCE DOES RPT DOES HAVE A PRESENT CAPABILITY TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN THE REQUESTED RADIO NET. DATT AND MILGRP BELIEVE THAT THIS ASSURANCE IS PROBABLY 75 PERCENT ACCURATE, AND THAT PROBLEMS COULD DEVELOP WITH INSTALLATION, OPERATION OR MAINTAINANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT. IF AND WHEN THAT HAPPENED WE COULD TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE US PERSONNEL QUESTION.

5. RE REFTTEL (B) GOES REQUEST FOR HELICOPTER ASSISTANCE TO INSTALL THE NET, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IF US TEAM SENT, THEN U.S. HELICOPTER SUPPORT ADVISABLE. IF NOT, THEN SALVADORIAN MILITARY WILL HAVE DIFFICULTIES PLACING ANTENNA AND LAYING WIRE IN SOME SECTORS.  
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